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Dear Parent/Carer,

Garden Fields School is able to claim a £1,300 grant from the Government each year called the Pupil Premium for children whose parents or carers receive any of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I am concerned that because children in the infants are now entitled to free school meals, that parents no longer register their children as they did in the past, and that your children will therefore miss out on this important funding. This 'pupil premium' funding currently allows us to buy in much needed additional teaching and teaching assistant support for children in receipt of the pupil premium.

We are therefore asking all parents and carers of Reception children, **or of children in Year 1 and 2 who were not previously registered for Free School Meals but whose circumstances have changed**, and are in receipt of any of these benefits, to please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office by **Monday 4th December or sooner** so that we can register the details provided and access the funding.

If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. your information will be renewed each year meaning that unless your circumstances change your entitlement to free school meals from Year 3 onwards and other educational benefits for your child will be automatically registered.

The information you supply will be treated confidentially and destroyed once processed.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrugia
Headteacher

Pupil premium for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children

2017-18

Name of Child _____

I am / My partner is in receipt of the following benefits: (please tick)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance / Income Support _

Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance _

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element) _ or (Income Related) _

Employment Support Allowance _

Child Tax Credit _

Working Tax Credit _

Name of person receiving the benefit:

National Insurance Number:

Their Date of Birth: _____

OR

Asylum Seekers Number:

I give permission for Garden Fields School to register my details_ (please tick)

Please return to the school office by Monday 5th December.

Notes to Parent

How the information collected will be used

By completing this form and signing the declaration you are agreeing for Hertfordshire County Council to check whether your child is eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium. (EYPP)

The County Council will do this by checking the information you have provided against the work benefit data provided by HM Revenue and Customs and Department of Work and Pensions.

*The council will then confirm whether your child is eligible for the EYPP. **You are free to withdraw your consent so that your details are not used in future.** The data you provide may also be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and to prevent fraud.*

Children who have been adopted from care or are subject to a special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.

Eligibility will be based on your declaration that your child was formally a looked after child and on the evidence of their status e.g. a copy of the relevant order. Hertfordshire County Council will decide whether your child is eligible for extra funds through the early years' pupil premium. This form and a copy of the relevant order should be seen by the school and they will confirm with Hertfordshire County Council that they have seen confirmation and enable funding to be allocated.